

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
Serial No. 10/084,327
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Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) An image forming method comprising:

a step of forming an image on a medium by using a developer comprising a toner in which the amount of the toner measured by gel permeation chromatography to have a molecular weight of 500 to 1000 is less than 10 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of the entire toner, and

wherein said toner further includes 0.01 to 10 parts for 100 parts by weight of the toner of the compound given by the following chemical formula:

C-[CH₂-O-CO-(CH₂)_n-CH₃]₄ where n=14 or more;

a step of performing flash fixation of the toner on said medium, and

a step of collecting with a filter a sublimate of a binder resin of the toner caused by the flash fixing.

10-12. (Canceled)

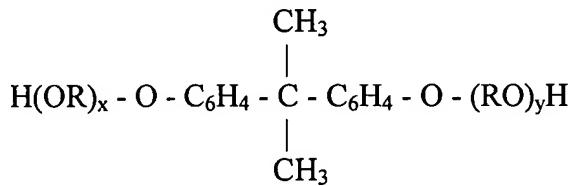
13. (Previously Presented) The image forming method of claim 9, wherein:

the amount of the toner having a molecular weight of 500 or less, measured by gel permeation chromatography, is less than 4 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of the entire toner.

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14. (Previously Presented) The image forming method of claim 9, wherein:

said binder resin comprises at least a polyester resin prepared from a polyester alcohol component consisting of a bisphenol-A-alkylene oxide additive, as an alcohol, expressed by the chemical formula given below, and an acid:



where, R is ethylene or propylene, and x and y are both integers equal to 1 or more.

15. (Previously Presented) The image forming method of claim 14, wherein:

x and y in the formula for said bisphenol-A-alkylene oxide additive are 1, and R is ethylene in up to 60 mole % of said polyester alcohol component.

16-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The image forming method of claim 9, wherein:

the amount of the toner having a molecular weight of 500 or less, as measured by gel permeation chromatography, is less than 4 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of the entire toner; and

said developer includes a carrier having an average particle diameter of 30 to 100 μm .

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19. (Previously Presented) The image forming method of claim 9, wherein said amount of the toner measured by gel permeation chromatography to have a molecular weight of 500 to 1000 is 5 parts by weight or less with respect to 100 parts by weight of the entire toner.

20. (Previously Presented) The image forming method of claim 14, wherein said acid contains a terephthalic acid.

21. (Previously Presented) The image forming method of claim 14, wherein said alcohol component contains more than 90 mole % of said bisphenol-A-alkylene oxide additive.

22. (Previously Presented) The image forming method of claim 9, wherein the filter is a high efficiency particulate air filter.

23-32. (Canceled)